

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7032

By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ernie Bacon for his dedication to his community of Franklin and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to express their appreciation for the tireless efforts of Ernie Bacon, a native Tennessean, to serve his community of Franklin for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon had a long career as a senior corporate executive with several healthcare companies before moving to Franklin; and

WHEREAS, as a citizen of Franklin, Mr. Bacon has led community-wide preservation efforts through his service as president of The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, president of The Carnton Association, Inc., a board member of Franklin's Charge, Inc., a board member of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, a member of the Tennessee Historic Commission, a member of the Williamson County Historical Society, and a member of Franklin's Civil War Commission; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ernie Bacon, Franklin's efforts to reclaim its Civil War battlefield received national acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon has been responsible for coordinating private fundraising as well as grants from the State of Tennessee and the federal government to support battlefield preservation in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon led efforts to preserve portions of downtown Franklin by serving as president and board member of the Downtown Neighborhood Association for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon's service to his community included service as an elected member of Franklin's Board of Mayor and Aldermen for eight years, a member of the city's planning commission, and a member of numerous city committees; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to create space for families and preserve historic land, Ernie Bacon's leadership was key to the acquisition of four significant land parcels in Franklin, which parcels became the Park at Harlinsdale Farm, Collins Farm, the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, and the Carter Hill Battlefield Park; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon participated in the founding of Franklin Tomorrow, Franklin Sister Cities, and Franklin Transit Authority, all of which are important city-wide leadership organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon received numerous awards and recognitions for his service, including the Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award, the Sage Award from AgeWell of Middle Tennessee, the Patron's Award from The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, and the Robert Ragsdale Award from The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Bacon has made an immeasurable impact on his community of Franklin; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ernie Bacon for his stalwart dedication to the City of Franklin and extend to him our warmest wishes for continued success in all endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.